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FOR CODEL DIGGS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP (DIGGS, CHARLES C.)
SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS TRAVEL TO MOZAMBIQUE

REF: (A) LUSAKA 3078; (B) PRETORIA 5260

1. LOCAL AIRLINE, DETA, HAS CONFIRMED INFO CONTAINED REFTEL A THAT FLIGHT TM 435 FROM LUSAKA TO MAPUTO NO LONGER EXISTS. THERE ARE ONLY TWO LUSAKA TO MAPUTO FLIGHTS PER WEEK. (1) QZ640 DEPARTING LUSAKA ON THURSDAYS AT 0900 AND ARRIVING MAPUTO 1255 AND (2) TM 403 DEPARTING LUSAKA ON FRIDAYS AT 1825 AND ARRIVING MAPUTO AT 2150.

2. CODEL SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT ONLY REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHT FROM MALAWI TO MOZAMBIQUE IS A SATURDAY FLIGHT FROM BLANTYRE TO BEIRA, QM965, DEPARTING 1430 AND ARRIVING 1530. ONWARD CONNECTIONS TO MAPUTO ON SAME DAY WOULD BE VIA DETA FLIGHT TM 173 WHICH DEPARTS BEIRA AT 1610 AND ARRIVES MAPUTO AT 1800.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT CAN ARRANGE FLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCES FOR CODEL DIGGS CHARTER FLIGHT FROM LUSAKA TO MAPUTO IF CHARTER REQUIRED. PLEASE ADVISE IF
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CLEARANCES SHOULD BE REQUESTED.

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4. GPRM HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
FOR CODEL DIGGS. SCHEDULE INCLUDES MEETINGS WITH
FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS AND
FREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO, BUT NOT REPEAT
NOT WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER
MEETING WITH CHISSANO WILL TAKE PLACE SINCE HE DEPARTED
UNEXPECTEDLY FOR GENEVA TWO DAYS AGO TO CONSULT
WITH MOZAMBIQUE'S OBSERVER DELEGATION AT THE RHODESIAN
TALKS. FOREIGN MINISTRY DID NOT KNOW WHEN CHISSANO WOULD
RETURN.

5. CODEL TRAVEL FROM MAPUTO TO JOHANNESBURG: DETA INFORMED
US THIS MORNING THAT TM 305 DEPARTING MAPUTO ON TUESDAYS
AT 1640 AND ARRIVING JOHANNESBURG 1730 HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM
SCHEDULE AND IS NOT REPEAT NOT LIKELY TO BE REINSTATED NEXT
WEEK AS SUGGESTED REFTEL B. IN ORDER FOR CODEL TO ADHERE
TO CURRENT SCHEDULE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT CODEL US DATT
AIRCRAFT BASED IN PRETORIA TO TRANSPORT CODEL FROM MAPUTO
TO JOHANNESBURG IF AVAILABLE. DATT AIRCRAFT COULD FLY TO MAPUTO EARLY
MORNING OF NOVEMBER 23 AND RETURN JOHANNESBURG AFTER-
NOON OF NOVEMBER 23. EMBASSY WOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN
NECESSARY OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES.

6. FOR PRETORIA: REQUEST DATT TO INFORM CODEL IF DATT AIR-
CRAFT AVAILABLE FOR TRIP TO MAPUTO.
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